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MRS, EDDY'S FRIENDS **FILE THEIR ANSWER**

They Allege She is Fully Competent Mentally.

EIGHTY-FIVE YEARS

Deny That She is in Charge of Frye and Strang.

TERM ALLEGATIONS SCANDALOUS

Armstrong Admits That He Publishes Christian Science Literature-As-

> serts That His Accounts Are Correct.

CONCORD, N. H., April 17 .- A general denial of all the allegations of the complainants in the suit for an accounting of Eddy, filed March 1, was the legal answer made today by the Boston defendants named in the original action.

The specifications in the original bill are that Mrs. Eddy is and for a long time has been incompetent to do business or to unlerstand transactions conducted in her name; that the defendants whose answer was filed today, with other leaders of the Christian Science Church, who were named lves of the person and property of Mrs. hat on account of Mrs. Eddy's infirmlty hese persons are bound to give account of all transactions undertaken in her name and that the defendants have wrongfully converted property to their own use.

The Specific Denial.

To these representations the defendants filed specific and detailed denial, declaring iso that they have no knowledge of many demanding that the complainants furnish proof thereof. They also declare that they plaint was not brought by the plaintiffs in good faith, but that "the so-called 'next ense of certain evil-minded persons who are furnishing money for the prosecution of the bill of complaint for their own evil purposes, and to advocate their own selfish

Abstract of Answer.

An abstract of the answer of the defendants, Alfred Farlow, Ira O. Knapp, William D. Johnson, Stephen A. Chase, Joseph Armstrong and Edward A. Kimbail, fol-

The defendants believe that Mary Baker G. Eddy is eighty-five years of age, but ieny that her mind now is, or ever was, so mpaired by the infirmities of age, or othervise, as to render her incapable of managng her affairs and protecting her property against the undue influence, control or of taking charge and managing the present or any other legal proceedings.

The defendants admit that Mary Baker G. Edd- lives in her own house in Concord. out upon information and belief deny that she is in charge and custody of the defendints Frye and Strang, or of any one else.

Her Property.

The defendants say, as to the allegations of the plaintiffs' bill, that they have no knowledge of the property of Mary Baker G. Eddy, "except as is hereinafter specifieally set forth," and again specifically deny that Mrs. Eddy is unfitted in any respect for the transaction of business, and that business has been done, or is done, in her name by others.

ions in the eighth paragraph of the plainif s bill, say that they are in large part mmaterial, scandalous and irrelevant and at they ought not to be called on to cake answer thereto, and pray the judgent of the court thereon; but further aswering, they admit that Mary Baker G. dy is the author of a literary and religwork entitled "Science and Health, Key to the Scriptures," together with ther works which have been copyrighted name; the defendant Armstrong adits that he is one of the executive mem es of the First Church of Christ, Scien-, but he denies that he is the publisher all the Christian Science works, as alged in the said bill, but says that he is nd has been for a number of years the busher of Mrs. Eddy's personal writings, nd that he had periodically and fully acounted for and turned over to her all valties and profits from such publications; and the other defendants, admitting their espective connection with the Christian Science organization, deny that they have received, except in the case of defendant Armstrong, as above specifically set forth, any moneys or income belonging to Mary Baker G. Eddy or that any such income has been controlled or retained in any way

by them or any of them. The defendants say that they have no knowledge or information respecting the nature and extent of the property of Mary Baker G. Eddy, and deny that they, either individually or collectively, or in connection with the other defendants to this bill or any of them, or with any one else, have ever wrongfully converted to their own private use, or otherwise misappropriated or unlawfully diverted large sums of money and large amounts of property of Mary Baker G. Eddy, or any sums whatever.

Allege Hostility.

The defendants further say that they beleve that the bill of complaint is not the purpose of protecting her person and property. The defendants charge that the so-called "next friends" named in the bill

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WASHINGTON, D. C., WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17, 1907-TWENTY-TWO PAGES.

TWO CENTS.

Foraker have the negro vote of the coun-

try without a struggle to secure it for himself or men friendly to him. He had a

conference today with W. T. Vernon, the colored register of the treasury, and Bishops Grant and Gaines of the A. M. E. Church, the former located in the west and

the latter in Georgia. Both of the colored bishops are men of influence, politically and otherwise, and are said to be willing to undertake the task of diverting the

Roosevelt Weak in the South.

The vote of the southern states in the next national convention promises to play a greater part in affairs than heretofore

supposed, and the President has come to

the conclusion that it would be better not

to let this vote go against the administra-

tion, if it can be helped. In Georgia and other southern states the negroes, who absolutely control all state conventions, have

begun already to organize against the

negro vote, which dominates nearly all county and state conventions. It is within the power of the negro leaders to prevent any one the President favors

from getting a single vote from the south, unless it should be from Ten-

nessee or Kentucky, or possibly Florida. At present the negro vote in the south ap-

pears friendly to Foraker and Fairbanks, and is growing stronger for them every day. The outlook is decidedly unsatisfac-

tory to the President, who has put into ex-

ecution several plans to win back this vote. One of them was the recent appointment of Ralph W. Tyler of Ohio as auditor for the Navy Department. Another is the selection of Pearl Wight of Louisiana as commissioner of internal recovery.

commissioner of internal revenue, to suc-ceed John W. Yerkes.

Wight is the republican national commit-teeman of Louisiana and is supposed to be able to control the negro vote of that state. Besides looking after the delegates from Louisiana he will have charge of the fight in all the southern states.

Newell Sanders, republican state chair-

FIRST CASE OF ITS KIND.

Train Injuries.

American woman, his majesty, Edward

sonal injuries to Annie Mason of Boston.

which are involved Judge Fessenden of

the superior court has taken the case under

Last summer, while visiting relatives in

Canada, the plaintiff alleges that she was

against a friendly sovereign.

The contention of the plaintiff, through

Nathan Wolfman, her counsel, is that the sovereign of England conducts the un-

dertaking in his private capacity, and therefore should be held liable, as is any

private corporation, for the negligence of his servants. It was also pointed out that

ing much interest among the legal profes-

NO ADVICES AS TO QUAKE.

Believed Here That It Was Not as

Extensive as First Reported.

From the fact that the gunboat Princeton

sailed from Salina Cruz, Mexico, and that

the commander did not mention earthquake

damage in his message to the Navy De-

partment is taken as an indication that

the shock was not serious that far south.

that the quake was not as extensive as at

first reported. It was said at the State

received from any point concerning the

Bad Shock at Constantinople.

CONSTANTINOPLE, April 17.-An earth-

quake shock was felt here and in the

suburbs at 4:30 o'clock this morning. It

J. Pierpont Morgan Seventy Today.

NEW YORK, April 17 .- J. Pierpont Mor-

gan, who is now traveling in Italy, is

seventy years old today. The financier left

this country for his annual European trip

about a month ago, and it is reported in

financial circles that on his return he will

not resume active business cares. Here-

after, it is believed J. Pierpont Morgan,

jr., his son, will be the active head of the

firm. About the beginning of the year Mr.

Morgan started a new custom of remaining

Chamberlain's Condition Not Serious.

LONDON, April 17.-With reference to a

dispatch from New York saying that Mrs.

Endicott was hastening to England on ac-

count of Joseph Chamberlain's serious con-

dition, Mrs. Chamberlain declared today

her husband's health to justify such an alarming rumor. Mr. Chamberlain, reply-

ing today to the message of sympathy sent him by the colonial premiers in conference yesterday, says his health is making satis-

that there was nothing in the condition of

the Bosphorus.

Special Dispatch to The Star.

Special Cablegram to The Star.

to spend some money in the game.

Special Dispatch to The Star.

advisement.

This is notably true in Georgia, where

er or in her estate, and who are furnish ing money for the prosecution of said bill of complaint for their own evil purposes and to advance their own selfish interests. These persons, the defendants allege, are hostile to Mary Baker G. Eddy and the religious principles of which she is the under and exponent.

Demand Proof.

The defendants further say that they have no knowledge or information respecting many of the allegations in the bill, but demand proof of all material matters therein contained not specifically admitted; and they say they ought not to make this or any answer to this bill, because it is multifarious, vague and indefinite, and filled with immaterial, scandalous and irrelevant matter, and does not set forth any cause of ac-tion under the laws of the state of New Hampshire.

EVELYN WON'T TALK.

She Refuses to Reply to Her Mother's Statement.

NEW YORK, April 17.-Evelyn Nesbit Thaw will probably not make any statement in reply to that given out by her mother, Mrs. Holman, in Pittsburg yesterday. When she made her usual morning call on Harry Thaw in the Tomes, today, she was asked if she had any statement to make in regard to her mother's story, and replied: "I have nothing to say whatseever in regard to that statement."

Young Mrs. Thaw passed the full visiting hour with her husband. She looked unusually well, better than at any time dur-ing the course of the trial, and appeared to be very cheerful. Thaw's mother was expected down to see him later in the day Lawyer Peabody was one of Thaw's early morning callers. He is still retained in the defense. None of the parties conecrned in the case had any statements to

make, he said. No active move has yet been made to attempt to get bail for Thaw. District At-torney Jerome was not in his office this morning, and it is expected Daniel O'Reilly will try to come to an agreement with him about Thaw's admission to bail before he

makes any move in court.

In case he should fail to come to an agreement with Mr. Jerome, it is expected that he will apply to a supreme court jus-tice, probably in Brooklyn or up state, for a writ of habeas corpus or an order to show cause why Harry Thaw should not be admitted to bail on the ground that confinement in prison is undermining his

NOTED DIVINES ARRIVE.

New Pastor for New York Church-

One Will Speak in This City. NEW YORK, April 17.-Rev. C. F. Aked, who comes here from Liverpool to accept a call from the Fifth Avenue Baptist Church in this city, arrived here today on the steamer Carmania. He was accompanied by Rev. Thomas Law, who will adof the allegations of the complainants, and dress the national peace conference a Carnegie Hall today.

Mr. Aked said the only comment he have reason to believe that the bill of com- try was that he felt he had delayed his coming to America ten years too long." "I am forty-two years old now," he said. "I should have come here ten years ago. While my work at Liverpool has filled my time acceptably, I think I could have made more of my time here. I come to America with great anticipations of the possibilities before me."

After the close of the peace conference Rev. Mr. Law will fill engagements to speak in Boston, Providence, Buffalo, Chi-cago, Cincinnati, Washington and Phila-

SPOONER'S SUCCESSOR.

First Ballot of Both Houses Showed No Choice.

MADISON, Wis., April 17.-The first ballot of both houses, in joint session, for United States senator to succeed John C. Spooner was taken today, with no choice, The vote is as follows: George W. Bird, democrat, 21; John J. Esch, 19; Irvine L. Lenroot, 19; H. A. Cooper, 19; Isaac Ste-phenson, 17; W. H. Patten, 16; scatter-

WOMAN'S SALOON CRUSADE.

Believes She Has Command From Heaven to Fight. Special Disputch to The Star.

PITTSBURG, Pa., April 17.-Believing that she has a command from heaven to make a fight against the saloons on their own ground, Mrs. J. B. Masters, wife of a wealthy Pittsburger and a social leader, has begun a crusade in which she has been joined by several members of the Emory Methodist Episcopal Church and choir and the Rev. E. H. Leizure. Last night the first of the visits to the

larger saloons of the district was made, Mrs. Masters passing tracts and her colleagues singing. There was no attempt at personal exhortation. In every instance the saloonkeepers, apprised beforehand of the coming of the crusaders, gave them respectful attention and stopped the selling of drinks while the little band was present. "We are Christians and want to see the men saved," was the remark of the richest Highland avenue saloonist at the close of a service in his bar room.

Mrs. Masters' work has aroused considerable opposition among members of the Emory Church, but she says she will not be deterred. The crusade is to extend to the downtown districts. Mrs. Masters says her mission was revealed to her at her home after a night at a fashionable

Labor Union Condemns Rooseveit.

card party. She moves in the most ex-

Special Dispatch to The Star. PORTLAND, Me., April 17.-The Portland Central Labor Union has sent President Roosevelt a resolution condemning his utterance concerning the Western Pederation of Miners. The resolution accuses him of "poisoning the minds of the public in advance of the trial." and terms his utterance "an outrage upon law and decency."

Blown to Pieces by Dynamite. Special Dispatch to The Star.

SPRINGFIELD, Ohio, April 17.-While blasting stumps on the Johnson farm, near New Moorfield, Joshua Land of this city was blown to pieces by the explosion of a stick of dynamite. Land was thawing out the dynamite before a fire, and was fixing the cap when it went off.

His right arm and left leg were torn away, and his body was horribly mutilated. A basket of dynamite standing nearby exploded, tearing a great hole in the ground.

Two Kings to Meet.

ROME, April 17.-The Marquis of San Giuliano, the Italian ambassador to Great Britain, has arrived at Naples, ready to proceed to Gaeta if summoned to take part in the coming conference between King brought by these plaintiffs in good faith for Edward and King Victor Emmanuel. This fact, added to the presence of Foreign Minister Tittoni at Naples strengthens the view so-called "next friends" named in the bill that the meeting of the two kings will of complaint are such only in name, and have considerable political importance and that they have been induced to loan their that they will confer on important inter-names for use in said bill at the instigation national questions, mainly the proposition and at the expense of certain evil-minded persons, not related in any way to Mary Baker G. Eddy, or having any interest in ference at The Hague.



BONILLA IS NOW SAFE

Deposed Honduran President Landed at Salina Cruz.

THE AMAPALA CONFERENCE

President Zelaya Prevented by Illness From Participating.

DELEGATES WILL SETTLE TERMS

Coming Congress of the Central American States-This City Urged as . Best Place for Holding It.

Senor Bonilla, the deposed president of the republic of Honduras, landed at Salina Cruz, Mexico, yesterday from the United States gunboat Princeton, on which he was afforded asylum at Amapala on the capture of that city by the Nicaraguan forces. Salina Cruz is the southernmost port of Mexico on the Pacific coast. It is an important railway terminus, and it is therefore possible for the defeated president to continue in safety his flight to the United States or Europe, according to his purpose. After filling her mission to Salina Cruz, the Princeton continued her cruise northward to Acapulco, where she will take on coal and await orders. Her place in Central American waters will be taken by the gunboat Yorktown, which sailed from Magdalena bay yesterday for Acajutla, Salvador.

The Amapala Conference.

Representatives of the governments of Nicaragua and Salvador are now believed to be in conference at Amapala. Tigre Island. Honduras, or on board a United States warship in Fonseca bay, Honduras, The Navy Department's report of the movements of vessels gives the gunboat Boston as having sailed yesterday from Corinto, Nicaragua, and the gunboat Chicago from Acajutla, Salvador, both bound for Amapala. The mission of these vessels to Nicaraguan and Salvadorean ports was to convey representatives of the two governments to Amapala for a conference looking to the settlement of the difficulties between Nicaragua and Honduras and Salvador. The vessels were due to arrive early today, and it is that fact that causes State Department officials to believe that the con-

ference already has begun. It was expected that the conference would be between President Zelaya of Nicaragua and President Figuera of Salvador personally, but at the last moment it was stated that Zelaya expressed doubt as to his ability to go to Amapala. President Figuera had not communicated any such doubt to the United States, but it is assumed that if Zelaya sends an ambas-sador instead of attending personally Fig-

uera will act in like manne Minister Corea's Advices.

Senor Corea, the minister from Nicaragua, conferred with Assistant Secretary Bacon today concerning the conference at Amapala and other Central American subjects. He said that from advices he has received he believed the conference has not actually begun, and will not be until tomorrow, and the representatives of President Zelaya, he said, will be J. D. Gamez, the minster of foreign affairs, and he understood that Minister of Foreign Affairs Garcia of Salvador will represent that gov-

The failure of the presidents of the two republics to personally get together at Amapaia was because of the illness of President Zelaya. A dispatch to that effect was received today by Senor Corea. It is not expected by Senor Corea that the conference there will result in more than a Guilford county, and were serving sentences agreement because the five temporary agreement, because the five states in Central America have determined that it is necessary to hold another, at which all will be represented, for the purlast.

Guilford county, and were serving sentences of five years each for larceny and forgery, having been convicted in February last.

Proposed Washington Conference.

DR. BRYAN'S LATEST.

The city of Washington continues to grow in favor as the best place for a permanent the opinion that the Washington government would have a moral influence toward bringing about a lasting agreement. The ministers from the various Central American states are exchanging views with their governments on the subject of selecting Washington as the place of holding the conference, and have already assured them that the conference would be warmly welcomed by President Roosevelt and Secre-tary Root.

\$25,000 PACKAGE IS MISSING

CLERK ALLEGED TO HAVE TAKEN

IT WAS DRUNK.

He Declares He Does Not Remember What He Did With It-Mysterious Robbery.

have arrested John Gunderson on the charge of having held up Fred Zimmerman, the clerk in the Northern Express Comoffice safe of a package containing \$25,000. The police say Gunderson has not confessed. They would not say whether the money had been secured or not, but they said they had the right man.

He Had Been Drinking.

When Gunderson was taken to the police station he appeared to be under the influence of liquor and said he knew nothing about the robbery. Upon the police suggesting that they would let him go without prosecution if he would tell where he had hidden the money, Gunderson said he could not remember what he had done with it. Gunderson claimed he had been happened during the night.

Gunderson had been employed by the Northern Express Company and was recently discharged. He is said to have been familiar with the details of the office and knew that a package containing the \$25,-000 was going to Duluth on the night train.

Sent the Porter Out.

Zimmerman, the clerk in charge of the office, says Gunderson came to the office about 9 o'clock, and as he had been employed there he thought nothing of his hanging around. Gunderson appeared to of the state, have been drinking and was in a very jovial mood. He remained there until every one but Zimmerman and a porter had left, and then Gunderson gave the porter some money and told him to get a bottle of whisky. As soon as the porter had disappeared Gunderson covered Zimmerman with a revolver, and commanded him to open the safe and hand out the package. Zimmerman said he saw that Gunderson was in earnest, and complied with his request. Gunderson then backed out of the office. Zimmerman says that he notified the police as scon as he was sure Gunderson had departed.

Convict Killed by Guard.

RALEIGH, N. C., April 17.-In an attempt to escape from the state penitentiary

MAY AID GOV. HUGHES

American representatives have expressed Possibility of the President In order to consider international questions Dropping Fight for Taft.

PLANS FOR THE CAMPAIGN

Action to Be Taken Should Foraker Defeat War Secretary.

NEW YORK MAN TO BE CHOSEN

Conference With Colored Leaders With a View of Recapturing the Southern Colored Vote.

his servants. It was also pointed out that if the suit was dismissed the plaintiff would be without remedy, for, in the Canadian courts, no action could be brought.

The case is the first one of its kind to be brought in the United States and is arous-Not only is President Roosevelt giving Gov. Hughes of New York all the help ST. PAUL, Minn., April 17.-The police possible in his contest with the legislature, in which certain reform legislation is sought, but he is looking forward to the New York governor as a possibility for the republican nomination next year. More pany's office, last night, and robbed the than that, he may go so far as to give Hughes assistance, under certain conditions, to obtain the nomination. Should Secretary Taft fail to make headway in his Ohio campaign and Gov. Hughes succeed to a considerable extent in getting what he wants from the legislature, the President would consider Hughes a big factor in affairs and worthy of support of the strongest kind.

the Pacific coast of Mexico. The greatest Although the President would be greatly pleased to see "Big Bill" Taft come out with flying colors in Ohio and acquire deledamage from the earthquake is said to be south of Mexico City, and therefore the gation: from other states with which to go before the republican national convention failure of the Princeton's commander to next year, he is not unmindful of the fact Taft has a tremendous fight on his hands and may lose out, which would remove him Department today that no advices had been dent himself should control enough votes in the convention to nominate the Secretary

But it is considered certain that he would drinking, and did not remember what had not press his friend should Ohio defeat Taft in a race for delegates, and he would turn to some other man who would continue the policies he has pushed for a number of years. Under contingencies of this kind he has in mind two New York men who might fill the requirements he has set for his successor. Hughes is one of these and Secretary Cortelyou is the other. If Hughes wins out with the legis-lature and Taft loses in Ohio, Hughes may fall heir to the support of the President On the other hand, Cortelyou may be the lucky man, and it is now regarded as almost certain that Cortelyou will compete for the New York delegation with Hughes should the latter become weighty enough to be a presidential possibility. Neither man would have the backing of what is at present known as the organization men

Will Take a Hand in New York. At the proper time the President will be

found taking a hand in the fight for delegates from New York. He claims that he has a right, as a citizen of the state, to by telephone from his library. manifest his interest in all that is going on politically. In a comparatively short time his friends, representing him, will be-gin to shape the fight for delegates. Before the fight begins, though, Gov. Hughes will have had opportunity to demonstrate his strength in the state

If he is unable to secure the enactment of the essential features of the policies he has contended for he may drop out of the calculations, and the Roosevelt people will then take up Cortelyou or make a fight for Roosevelt delegates straight, depending on the word from the President. With Hughes in the presidential race, and strongly back-ed by the republicans of the state, the Roosevelt people would probably not under-take to make a fight for Roosevelt, and, on the other hand, might aid the governor, as

White House people frankly admit that the President has more than one string to his fiddle. Right now, "Elg Bill" Taft is the bass string, and the President is playing that for all it is worth. Should the string break "there are others." Cardinal Gibbons in New Orleans. NEW ORLEANS, La., April 17.-Cardinal Sibbons, who has been selected by the pope to confer the pallium upon Archbishop Blenk of New Orleans April 24, arrived

Weather.

Fair tonight and tomorrow colder tonight, with temperature about the freezing point.

MORE QUAKES CAUSE **ALARM AND HAVOC**

Two More Towns Were Destroyed in Mexico.

WAVES SWEPT CITY

Large Part of Town Submerged by Waters of Pacific.

GREAT SHOCKS AT OTHER POINTS

Upper Bosphorus, Near Constantinople, Scene of Bad Disturbance-Ugly Quake in Spain.

MEXICO CIT (, April 17.-The extent of the earthquake and the damage wrought are greater than first reported. The first belated press telegrams to reach this city for twenty-four hours were received at 1 o'clocy yesterday afternoon, showing that the town of Ayutla, to the east of Acapulco and not far from the Pacific coast, and the town of Ometepec, about seventy miles to the east of Ayutla, have been practically destroyed.

The shocks continued at Chilpancingo, 125 miles south of here, all Monday night, and were quite severe. Many of the buildings that were left half standing by the previous tremblings were leveled to the ground.

The last shock at Chilpancingo occurred at 4 o'clock yesterday morning. The general in command of the troops was severely injured. The jail, the hospitals and the school buildings there were destroyed. The prisoners are now in charge of the rural guard. The people have deserted the town and are living in improvised structures in the open air.

Federal Aid Extended.

King Edward Sued by Woman for The federal government is extending aid to the town of Chilpancingo, but it will be impossible to restore calm until the shocks BOSTON, Mass., April 17 .- Sued by an cease.

The number of deaths reported to date is thirty-seven. Fourteen persons were killed VII, King of Great Britain and Ireland in one house. The number of injured is and Emperor of India, has been made the placed at thirty-nine. These figures, howdefendant in equity proceedings for perever are not exact and it is believed that the casualty list eventually will be found to be much larger.

Traffic between Mexico City and Vera Cruz is completely suspended, as large sections of the International and Mexican railroads are sinking. The port of Acapuico is reported to be

seriously injured while boarding a train of the Intercolonial railway. On returning to Boston she brought suit in the superior court of Suffolk county, naming the Boston and Maine railroad and Robert W. Chipman of the Canada Atlantic Plant Steamship partially submerged. The entire Pacific coast between Acapulco and Salina Cruz, a distance of some five hundred miles, is said to have suffered Company as trustees. Through its counsel, Arthur H. Russell, the Intercolonial rail-

more or less severely. Heavy earthquake shocks continued on road moved the court to dismiss the action on the ground that the intercolonial rall-way is owned by his majesty. King Edward, and that international law forbids suit by any citizen of the United states against a friendly government. the west coast until 4 o'clock yesterday merning. Late news from the area of greatest destruction shows that the devastation was greater than at first supposed.

Besides the destruction of Chilpancingo and Chilapa, it is now reported that Tixtla, between these two cities, containing about the same population as Chilpancingo, was leveled.

Destruction of Towns Confirmed.

Messengers from the coast who have reached Chilpancingo confirm the statements that the towns of Ayutla and Ometenec have been destroyed.

Ayutla is about fifty miles south of Chilpancingo in the state of Guerrero, and some twenty miles west of Acapulco. It is one of the most historic towns in the republic, for it was here that the "plan of Ayutla" was conceived, causing the revolution, making a real republic and de-veloping the talents of a young officer named Porfirio Diaz.

The population of Ayutla is small, and it

is thought that the loss of life there will be insignificant. Ometepec is further south, near the boundary line of the states of Guerrero and Oaxaca. It is a town of about 4,000

Salina Cruz is the most southerly port on inhabitants. Tlapa, a town eighty miles west of Chilpancingo and near the border line of the state of Oaxaca, is also reported damaged. The report from Chilpancingo says that the whole of the west coast from Acapulco south to Salina Cruz, the Pacific terminal send news causes naval officials to believe

of the Tehuantepee national railway, has been badly damaged. Only One Wire Working.

Owing to the remoteness of these points and to the fact that wire and rail communication is very poor, news from the stricken district comes very slowly. Only one wire is working to Chilpancingo, and that rather spasmodically. The telegraph office is accepting messages only on condition that they will be sent subject to dewas especially sharp in the upper part of lay. Thousands of messages are now on hand at the main office of the Federal telegraph, and it is said that commercial business is forty-eight hours behind.

EARTHQUAKE IN SPAIN.

Two Cities Visited Yesterday by Violent Shocks.

LONDON, April 17 .- The Evening Standard's correspondent at Madrid says that the towns of Totana and Lorca were visited yesterday by a violent earthquake. Great damage was done to buildings, and the inhabitants were thrown into a panic.

Both Totana and Lorea are in the prov ince of Murcia. The latter is an important seat of manufacturers, and has a population of about 50,000. It contains many interesting Moorish antiquities, including a celebrated castle. Totana has a population of 10,000. It carries on manufacture of linen. earthenware, brandy and saltpetre.

Severe Earthquake at Askabad.

ASKABAK, Russian Transcaspian Territory, April 17 .- A severe undulatory earthquake occurred here at 12:26 p.m. today and lasted five seconds.

Askabad is the capital of Russian Transcaspian territory. It is cituated on the Transcasplan railway, 200 miles southsoutheast of Mikhailovsk, the seaward terminus. Since the construction of the railstring break "there are others."

A Movement Among the Negroes.

There are streng indications that the President goes not propose to let Senator the streng has been attending the consecration of the new cathedral in that city. Cardinal Gibbons will remain in New Orleans ten days or more before returning to Baltimore.

In the sworth is worth. Since the construction of the range of